

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire April 2, 2004.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 2 and 7 are objected to, Claims 1, 5, 9, and stand rejected under 35 USC 102, and Claims 2, 7, 11, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103. Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, and 12 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but are otherwise indicated as being allowable. Claims 15-22 are allowed.

In the present paper, rejected Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, and 11 are amended. Claims 3-6, 8, 9, and 12-22 remain as filed. The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by paragraph [0037] on page 5 of the specification and by the figures of as originally filed, and therefore there is no new matter added therein. The amendments to Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, and 11 are entered in response to the objections raised in the pending Office Action and/or in correspondence with the amendment to Claim 1. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 5, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent 6,393,559 B1 issued to Alexander.

As amended, Claim 1 recites a method for transmitting a sound signal to report an event represented by the sound signal, comprising steps of receiving at least one signal in response to the event; recording the at least one signal in a first recorder in sequence; and "accessing said at least one signal in sequence and reporting said event by transmitting said sound signal according to a corresponding sound data value selected, in response to the

accessing of said at least one signal, from a plurality of sound data values that are pre-recorded in a **second recorder**, wherein each of the plurality of sound data values is associated with a corresponding signal".

It is to be emphasized that referring to the paragraph [0037] on page 5 of the specification, a **second recorder** is provided to have **pre-recorded sound data** corresponding to the at least one signal (several such sound data values are indicated in Applicant's Figure 1), which is in response to the event. Therefore, according to the present invention, the method recited in Claim 1 includes reporting the event by transmitting the sound signal according to sound data corresponding to the at least one signal pre-recorded in the second recorder. That means that **according to the sound data pre-recorded in the second recorder, there are respective sounds emanated in response to different events.**

In contrast, it is to be noted that Alexander does not disclose or teach that a recorder is provided to pre-record sound data corresponding to the at least one signal in response to the event. Referring to Column 4, lines 3-15 of Alexander, when the serial port test failed, a user may hear one beep, followed by two beeps, followed by three beeps to indicate this fact. It means that **according to the teachings of Alexander, there is no specific sound in response to a specific event.** Accordingly, the method recited in Claim 1 is clearly distinguished over Alexander's patent.

In addition, since the method recited in amended Claim 1 provides the **second recorder** for pre-recording the sound data respectively corresponding to different signals, the method facilitates transmitting sound signals to **report different events**, for example, the CPU is overheated, the motherboard is overheated, the CPU is undervoltaged, the motherboard is

undervoltaged, the fan is out of order and the memory is not accurately inserted into the motherboard. **It is to be emphasized that the present invention provides a method for reporting a plurality of events due to having the second recorder for pre-recording the sound data respectively corresponding to different signals.**

By contrast, there are no recorders for pre-recording sound data in response to different events, so that the method of Alexander is only used for reporting the failure of the boot initialization.

It is to be also noted that the strategies designed for the present invention and for Alexander's patent are different. The method of Alexander's patent is only used for reporting the failure of the boot initialization. In contrast, Claim 1 recites a method for reporting events according to sound data pre-recorded in the second recorder, wherein each of the sound data values correspond to different signals. Accordingly, the method of Claim 1 is not obvious or anticipated over Alexander.

For at least the above reasons, amended Claim 1 of the present application is believed to be patentable over Alexander.

Claims 5, 9 and 10 are dependent from Claim 1, and are therefore believed to be distinguished over Alexander for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The claims 2, 7, 11, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander's patent (US 6,393,559 B1) in view of Lin's patent (US 5,835,885) and in further view of Shin's patent application (US 2003/0163765 A1). Claims 2, 7, 11, 13, and 14 are dependent from Claim 1, and are therefore believed to be allowable over Alexander for at least this reason. Further, Lin and Shin fail to overcome the

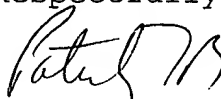
deficiencies of Alexander as applied to amended Claim 1.
Accordingly, Claims 2, 7, 11, 13, and 14 are believed to be
allowable over Alexander in view of Lin and/or Shin at least due
to their dependence from Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present Application. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5902 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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